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Dear Mr. Ambassador:

I am writing this letter to see if it would be possible for me to get a visa to go to Soviet Russia the summer of 1951. The period available to me would be from about July 15th to September 15th, as that is the time when the Court is in recess.

My interest in going to your country is as follows:

1. I would like very much to see something of the judicial system in operation in your country. Comparative jurisprudence has been a matter of some interest to me.
2. I would like to see some of your collective farms, as I made something of a study of the kubbitzim in Israel and I was much interested in seeing how the collective farms operated in Russia as compared to those in Israel.
3. I would like to see parts of the Ural Mountains. The fauna and flora of those mountains have been of interest to me, especially the flora.
4. I would like to visit Central Asia. I have heard of the irrigation projects and hydro-electric projects that have brought vast sections of Central Asia under cultivation. I have also heard that those projects have greatly altered the nomadic life of the tribes and settled people on very fertile land. Those types of agricultural projects are of interest to me because of the fact that Bonneville and Grand Coulee here in my own home country have always excited me. Moreover, I have spent the last two summers in the Middle East and have seen what these vast irrigation and hydro-electric projects can accomplish in a semi-arid country.

I would like to spend about two-thirds of the time available to me on projects 3 and 4, namely the Ural Mountains and Central Asia.

I would be traveling alone.

Yours faithfully,

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